



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

June 5, 2008

S. 2766 **Clean Boating Act of 2008**

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works
on May 21, 2008*

S. 2766 would direct the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to investigate discharges of pollution from recreational boats to determine what types should be regulated and to promulgate standards of performance for managing those discharges. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) would be responsible for enforcing the standards developed by the EPA.

CBO estimates that implementing S. 2766 would have no significant effect on the federal budget because the EPA is already required to regulate discharges from recreational boats that it deems should be regulated, and either that agency or the USCG must enforce such regulations. The two agencies are currently carrying out those responsibilities. Enacting the legislation would not affect revenues or direct spending.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments.

On June 3, 2008, CBO transmitted a cost estimate for H.R. 5949, the Clean Boating Act of 2008, as ordered reported by the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on May 15, 2008. The two bills are nearly identical, and the CBO cost estimates are the same.

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